

October 10, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION FROM THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION
FOR LIVE HOMEWORK HELP PROGRAM
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Accept a donation in the amount of \$100,000 from the Los Angeles County Public Library Foundation ("Library Foundation") to allow the Public Library to continue to provide free, after-school, online homework assistance through the Live Homework Help Program.
2. Instruct the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, to acknowledge the gift and send letters to the Ahmanson Foundation, Sony Pictures Entertainment, Bank of America and the Library Foundation giving thanks for their donations.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Public Library is requesting Board acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$100,000 from the Library Foundation for the Public Library's Live Homework Help Program. This donation was made possible by grants to the Library Foundation from the Ahmanson Foundation (\$75,000), Sony Pictures Entertainment (\$10,000), Bank of America (\$10,000) and the Library Foundation's general fund (\$5,000). Your approval of this recommendation will allow the Public Library to provide free, after-school, online homework assistance through the Live Homework Help Program. The Live Homework Help Program allows students with a County of Los Angeles Public Library card to receive free,

one-to-one homework help in core academic subjects including math, science, social studies and English from any internet-enabled computer during after-school hours and on weekends.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goals in the areas of service excellence, fiscal responsibility, and children and families' well-being.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The donation amount of \$100,000 has been placed in the Public Library's donation trust account and is available pending Board acceptance. The Public Library's operating budget includes an appropriation to cover expenditures from donations.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS


County policy requires that donations of \$10,000 and over be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for acceptance. Acceptance of these donations is consistent with Government code Section 25355.

The donation will be used by the Public Library towards the payment to Tutor.com for the Live Homework Help.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

These generous donations from the Ahmanson Foundation, Sony Pictures Entertainment, Bank of America and the Library Foundation will enable the Public Library to continue to provide Live Homework Help to students throughout the County in a cost-effective manner.

Respectfully submitted,



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